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STABBING

On Saturday, March 27, 2010 two females were in the area of South Pointe Drive & Ocean Drive, where they were confronted by a black male, who began following them. The incident culminated with both females being stabbed by the subject.

MBPD Uniform Patrol responded immediately to the area. The subject was apprehended shortly after in South Pointe Park, where he was taken to the Police Station for questioning; where he gave Detectives a statement about the incident. The knife used by the subject was recovered. Below are the names of all parties involved:

VICTIMS

W/F Gutierrez, Belkin 20 yoa

*stabbed five times (head, torso & arm)

W/F Martinez, Leigh-Ann 21 yoa

*stabbed once (leg)

<u>SUBJECT</u>

B/M Mengesha, Kidane 24 yoa (Ethiopian Decent)

Charges: 1 count Attempted 2nd degree Murder

1 count Aggravated Battery

Sound bites for this incident will be provided today, Monday, March 29, 2010 between 1 pm & 2 pm at the lobby of the Miami Beach Police Department Headquarters, 1100 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139.